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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)/
AMENDED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR
DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (347 CFR 1.121) under mailing date March 17, 2004, the applicant, by his undersigned attorney, submits the following preliminary amendment to his enclosed divisional application pursuant to MPEP 7414 Part III-- Revised Method of Making Amendments.

Introductory Comments.

This is a divisional application based upon the parent application filed on December 19, 2001 with Serial Number 10/027,953. A restriction requirement imposed on the parent application grouped the claims of the parent application as follows: Invention I: claims 1-28, 42, 43 and 47; Invention II: claims 29-40; Invention III: claims 41 and 43; Invention IV: claims 44-46; Invention V: claim 48. In a telephone conference on April 13, 2003, with the examiner regarding the parent

application, the applicant reserved the right to traverse the restriction requirement except as to Invention V and elected to proceed on Invention V. This limited form of acceptance of restriction as to Invention V, and traverse as to Inventions I - IV, was reiterated in the applicant's Response to Office Action of 4/21/2003 for the parent application, which was filed within the permitted 3 month response time on July 17, 2003. Claim 48 of the parent application was allowed and was included within U.S. Patent number 6,632,038 B2, issued on October 14, 2003. There remain pending claims 1-47.

The applicant, by his undersigned attorney, submitted a notice of change of address for the applicant, which somehow was misinterpreted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to mean a change in the correspondence address of the attorney of record for this application. The proper correspondence address for this pending divisional application is:

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This is exactly the same attorney correspondence address as has always been the case for the parent application. If the current correspondence address shown in the U.S. Patent and trademark Office file for this divisional application varies from this address, the applicant by his undersigned attorney requests that the correspondence address for attorney be corrected to the above-designated address. All that was intended by the Change of Correspondence Address in Patent form that was submitted was that the applicant has moved to a new address: 22143 Elbow Lake Road, Yelm, Washington 98597. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) was erroneously mailed to the attorney at that Yelm, Washington address. Please do not send correspondence regarding this divisional application to that Yelm, Washington address.

There follows, beginning on separate pages, Amendments to

the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks. The Amendments to the Claims includes a complete listing of all claims in the application and the status of the claims indicated in parenthetical expressions. No new matter is introduced. The intent of the amendments is to eliminate text from the parent application that related to claim 48 and is extraneous to claims 1-47.